**Bachelor of Arts Examination: October / November 2014**

**Part: II (Repeater)**

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| **Day & Date** | **Paper No.** | **Subject Name** | **Time** | **Code** |
| **Tuesday**  **28/10/2014** | **P - II** | **English** | **03. 00 PM**  **to**  **06.00 PM** | **2201** |

**Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:**

In the short undergrowth at the side of the road scuttled large number of Agama lizards. These reptiles are almost at bright in colour as the bird, for the males have vivid orange heads and the body decked out in blue, silver, red and black while the females are rose-colored with bright apple-green spots. They have a curious habit of nodding their heads vigorously up and down and look very peculiar dashing here and there in pursuit of each other, suddenly stopping to nod their brightly colored heads .Almost as numerous as these lizards were the pygmy kingfishers, minute little birds, smaller than a sparrow with bright blue backs, orange shirt fronts and coral red beak and feet. Unlike the English kingfisher, these little birds live on locusts, grasshoppers and other insects. Dozens of them were perched on the telegraph wires, or on the stumps of dead trees on the roadside, all peering down hopefully into the grass and bushes below. Occasionally, one of them would drop off his perch like a stone and, when he fluttered out of the grasshopper that was almost the same size as himself would be clutched firmly in his beak.

Three days after leaving the coast I reached. Mamfe. had chosen this village as a base camp for a variety of reasons. When you are collecting wild animals you have to choose you base very carefully: it has to be within fairly easy reach of some sort of store, so that you can obtain sufficient supplies of tinne ,food ,nails, wire netting and other important things, and also has to be fairly near a road, so that when the time come to depart you can bring your lorries near enough to the camp load up. Secondly, you have to make sure that your base going to be in a good collecting area, a place that is not so full of farms and people that most of the wild animals have been driven away. Mamfe was excellent in this respect, so a came clearing was made on the banks of the river, about a mile away.

**Questions:**

1. Describe the Agama lizard? 03
2. What curious habit did the lizards have? 03
3. Describe the pygmy kingfisher. 03
4. What is behaviour of the birds on their perches? 03
5. Why did the narrator choose Mamfe as his base camp? 03
6. Write all the colours mentioned in the passage 03
7. Match the words in column A to their meanings in column B

A B

1. peculiar a) small
2. minute b) running
3. Depart c) strange
4. Dashing d) leave

**Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below: 15**

In ancient Greece athletic festivals were very important and had strong religious associations. The Olymplan athletic festival, held every four years in honour of Zeus, eventually lost its local character ,became first a national event and then, after the rules against foreign competitors had been waived, international. No one knows exactly how far back the Olympic games go, but some official records date from 776B.C

The Games took place in August on the plain by Mount Olympus, Many thousands of spectators gathered from all parts of Greece, but no married women was admitted even as a spectator. Slaves, women and dishonored persons were not allowed to compete. The exact sequence of event is uncertain, but events included boy’s gymnastics, horse-racing, field events such as discus and javelin throwing and the very important foot races. There was also boxing and wrestling and special tests of varied ability such as the pentathlon, the winner of which excelled in running, jumping, discus and javelin throwing and wresting. The evening of the third day was devoted to sacrificial offerings to the heroes of the day, and the fourth day, that of the full moon, was set aside as a holy day.

On the sixth and last day, all the victors were crowded with holy garlands of wild olive from a scared wood. So great was the honour that the winner of the foot race gave his name to the year of his victory. Although Olympic winners received no prize money, they were, in fact, richly rewarded by their state authorities, The public honour also made the strict discipline of the ten-month training period worthwhile. In spite of the lengthy training, however, runners were known to drop dead from strain at the winning post, How their results compared with modern standards, was unfortunately have no means of telling.

**Questions:**

1. Why were athletic festivals imported in ancient Greece? Which deity did they honour? **03**
2. When are where did the games take place? **03**
3. Who were not allowed to participate in the games? Why? **03**
4. Describe some games and events. 03
5. Match the words in column A to their meanings in column B. 02

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| **A** | **B** |
| Victors | Holy |
| Sacred | Rivals |
| Ancient | Winners |
| Competitors | Old |

1. How many days did the Olympic events take place? 01